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TAPAN KUMAR DEKA

SAMANT GOEL

PARAMESWARAN IYER

EX-IAS OFFICER PARAMESWARAN IS THE NEW CEO OF NITI AAYOG

The former bureaucrat, who spearheaded the Swachh Bharat Mission, will replace incumbent Amitabh Kant

KNOWN FOR EXECUTING LARGE PROJECTS

Parameswaran Iyer, a 1981-batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre, had resigned from civil service in 2009. He came back as Secretary in the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation in 2016 and executed the Narendra Modi government's flagship sanitation scheme. He resigned from the post in July 2020 and went on to work with the World Bank in the US

DEKA IB CHIEF, RAW'S GOEL GETS 1-YR EXTN

- In another appointment, Tapan Kumar Deka, the 'crisis man' who was put in charge of the counter-assaults during the 26/11 Mumbai attack, was named Director, Intelligence Bureau
- Meanwhile, the tenure of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) head Samant Goel has been extended by one more year

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NUMBER OF OFFICERS EXTENDED TO BECOME IB CHIEF

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TRICHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

SC upholds SIT's clean chit to Modi

Sees no larger plot in the 2002 Gujarat riots

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THE Supreme Court on Friday upheld a Special Investigation Team's (SIT) clean chit to then Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi and 63 others in the 2002 post Godhra riots in the state and dismissed a petition by slain Congress leader Ehsan Jafri's wife Zakia Jafri.

Bringing the curtains down on the bid to reopen the probe, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said the material collected during the investigation does not 'give rise to strong or grave suspicion regarding hatching of larger criminal conspiracy at the highest level' for causing mass violence against Muslims.

The bench, also comprising justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, termed Zakia's plea devoid of merit. It spoke of 'the devious stratagem to keep the pot boiling, obviously, for ulterior design' and said all those involved in 'such abuse of process need to be in the dock and proceeded with in accordance with law'.

The court also appreciated the SIT for its 'indefatigable work' in challenging circumstances and said it has come out with 'flying colours unscathed'. The bench said no fault could be found with the SIT's approach, adding its final report in 2012 is backed by firm logic, 'expositing analytical mind and dealing with all aspects objectively for discarding the allegations regarding larger criminal conspiracy'.

The bench upheld the decision of a magistrate in accepting the final report submitted by the SIT. Zakia Jafri had challenged the Gujarat High Court's October 5, 2017 order rejecting her plea against the SIT decision.

"We do not countenance the submission of the appellant regarding infraction of rule of law in the matter of investigation and the approach of the magistrate and the high court in dealing with the final report," the bench said.

Congress leader and former MP Ehsan Jafri was among the 68 people killed at Ahmedabad's Gulbarg Society during violence on February 28, 2002.

ATTACKED

The ransacked office of Wayanad Congress member of Parliament Rahul Gandhi in Kalpetta on Friday, after a protest march of the SFI, the students wing of ruling CPI(M) in Kerala, turned violent | EXPRESS|PS

Uddhav tries to wrest initiative, urges cadre to rebuild the Sena from scratch

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

TWO days after vacating his official residence in the wake of a massive revolt, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray sought to take back control by addressing a meeting of the party's functionaries, invoking Shivaji Maharaj's spirit to urge the cadre to rebuild the party from scratch.

In his emotional address, he also said he was ready to step down as the Shiv Sena president if need be. He said he may have moved out of the official residence of the chief minister, but his determination to fight the crisis was intact.

Saying he was pained by the desertion of the MLAs led by Eknath Shinde, he pointed out that he gave him the plum portfolio of urban development and sent Shinde's son to Parliament. "Despite this, they blame me for promoting Aditya Thackeray. Every father will do that for his son," he reasoned.

Uddhav also chaired a meeting of district collectors and secretaries and asked them to continue with development works related to welfare of the people irrespective of the political twists and turns. He also discussed the Covid situation and a possible mask mandate in Mumbai, given that the infection count is going up.

In the evening, NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar called on Uddhav at his residence. NCP state president Jayant Patil and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar accompanied Pawar for the meeting.

As for Shinde, he sought legal advice after Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal approved the appointment of Ajay Chaudhari as the Sena's legislative party leader replacing him (Shinde), and Sunil Prabhu as the chief whip. The Shinde camp had written to Zirwal seeking the appointment of Bharat Gogawale as chief whip instead of Prabhu. P10

Back to the roots

Of the total 96 Shakha pramukhs of the Sena, 85 attended the meet at Shiv Sena Bhavan at Dadar. Aditya Thackeray addressed them in-person while Uddhav spoke virtually

Landmark abortion law in US overturned

The US Supreme Court on Friday ended constitutional protections for abortion that had been in place nearly 50 years in the Roe v Wade case. The verdict is expected to lead to abortion bans in roughly half the US states. The ruling came more than a month after the leak of a draft opinion by Justice Samuel Alito indicating the overturning |PTI

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 23	JUNE 24
Fresh cases	13,313	17,336
Recoveries	10,973	13,029
Deaths	38	15
MAHARASHTRA	JUNE 23	JUNE 24
Fresh cases	858	816
Recoveries	682	703
Deaths	1	0

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
June 23
11,98,992 doses
June 24
13,90,329 doses

Seven foetuses found dumped in Belagavi drain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

AS many as seven foetuses were found stuffed in five small boxes in an open drain near a bridge in Mudalgi near Belagavi on Friday. Many locals, with anxiety writ large on their faces, gathered on the bridge as the news spread like wildfire.

A team of officials from Health and Family Welfare Department visited the spot. According to the District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Mahesh Kone, the foetuses are about five to seven months old. The recovered foetuses will be brought to the forensic science laboratory in Belagavi for testing, he said, adding that a committee was being formed by the department to dig deep into the case and track the culprits.

KMF Chairman and local MLA Balachandra Jarkiholi termed the incident "barbaric which makes the society bow its head in shame".

"I have already directed the police to take the issue seriously and ensure that all those involved in the illegal act are brought to book", said Jarkiholi. Though the health department is yet to disclose the sex of the foetuses, it is suspected to be a case of of female foeticide. Mudalgi police have filed a case and are investigating.

Congmen must shed exhibitionism: Moily

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

IF the Congress cadre does not let go of exhibitionism and work hard at booth level, there is no way the party will be able to take on the BJP in the next polls, warned veteran Congress leader **M Veerappa Moily**.

Mincing no words at the Nava Sankalp Shibir held in Udupi on Friday, Moily said none of the protests held by Congress units at the national, state or district level will come to the party's rescue if they try to settle for just protests and rallies.

When some leaders present at the event tried to tell Moily that he should not be so critical of the party workers, the senior leader hardened his stance saying, "This is why we get defeated in polls. In a workshop like this, it is key to discuss the reality before us. Mere sloganeering will not build a party." P4

Delimitation draft: Citizens can't submit feedback online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath on Friday said that suggestions, feedback and opinions from citizens on the delimitation draft cannot be submitted online.

Speaking to media, he said citizens can see the draft online, which was uploaded on the BBMP website http://bbmpdelimitation2022.com on Friday evening, but will have to physically submit their opinions and feedback at the office of the additional chief secretary on the 4th floor of Vikasa Soudha during office hours.

The move drew strong criticism from many quarters including some former councillors. Reacting to the criticism, Girinath said, in case of Baba Budangiri shrine issue too, no online feedback was taken and there was no dearth of opinions. CONTINUED ON: P2

EXPRESS READ

Bad roads: BBMP, BWSSB in blame-game

Bengaluru: Even as the offices of Prime Minister and Chief Minister have sought a report on the bad road condition in the city, especially in Kommaghatta and Mariyappanapalya and on Jnanabharathi campus, civic agencies are blaming each other, exposing their lack of coordination again | P2

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